

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

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Denial of the Application of Mrs. Lockwood for Admission to the Maryland Bar—Suicide of a Young Woman—The Insane Asylum, &c.

The application of Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, the well-known female lawyer of Washington, for admission to the bar of the Circuit Court of Prince George's county, of which previous mention has been made, was decided adversely by Judge Magruder at Upper Marlboro' yesterday. There was a pretty large attendance of members of the bar and others. It will be remembered that Mrs. Lockwood, at the suggestion of the court, promised to file a brief setting forth her claims for admission. This she did yesterday. Her views have been given in substance heretofore.

Elizabeth Cumberland, about 18 years of age, committed suicide last night at the residence of her father, on D street, near Fourteenth street southwest, by taking arsenic. The coroner, after an examination of the circumstances attending the death, gave a burial certificate without an inquest. She bought five cents worth of the poison at Gedney's drug store on Eleventh and D streets southwest, last evening, and in reply to a joking remark that he hoped she would not kill herself, she answered, "Oh, I'm not going to die yet." Immediately on going home she mixed the arsenic, telling her mother it was a sedative powder, and then took the dose. Very soon she complained of great pain and said, "I've taken poison." Medical aid was summoned, but came too late, and the unfortunate girl died about 10 o'clock. She was much esteemed by her friend and was of excellent reputation.

The annual report of the visitors of the insane asylum, just submitted, shows that the asylum is much overcrowded. There have been 947 cases treated there during the year, of which 332 have been residents of the District, and 291 of Maryland. The average number at the asylum has been 781. The expenditures were \$174,276 52, of which the United States paid \$145,000. Two hundred and thirteen thousand dollars are asked for the running expenses of the coming year, besides \$300,000 for a new building for female patients, and \$20,000 for building an addition for chronic cases.

The report of the Freedman's Hospital for the year shows 807 patients treated, 365 cured and 118 died, 98 of the patients came from Maryland, and 171 from Virginia. Of the 46 women confined at the hospital 40 were unmarried women. The annual appropriation for this hospital is \$40,000.

James M. Buchanan, of Maryland, Rich. M. Thompson, of Tennessee, and Jack Brown, of Georgia, were admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District to-day, on motion of Judge Key.